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SUBJECT: IMPACT PACKAGE FOR KENYA

THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY MAJOR GENERAL HILL WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARANCE IN DEFENSE. DEFENSE PLANS TO PRESENT THE IMPACT PACKAGE IT RECOMMENDS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SCC ON MAY 10. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE MEMO, TO BE SENT VIA THE SAME CHANNELS AS THIS MESSAGE, TO REACH HERE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 8. YOU SHOULD LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE TO YOURSELF AND DCM AT THIS TIME.

1. QTE THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF RADM THOMAS FOR AN IMPACT PACKAGE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR KENYA.

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2. THE FOLLOWING, WHICH IS BASICALLY IN CONSONANCE WITH THE STATE-DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM REPORT, IS SUGGESTED:

A. THE PRIMARY OFFER BE A TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE PACKAGE INCLUDING:

1) A LOGISTICS ASSISTANCE TEAM OF 20 PERSONNEL FOR A

TWO YEAR PERIOD, ESTIMATED COST DOLS 2.6 MILLION, MOST OF WHICH WILL COME IN FY 79.

2) A TRAINING ASSISTANCE TEAM OF 8 PERSONNEL FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD, ESTIMATED COST DOLS 1.0 MILLION.

3) A PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM OF 3 PERSONNEL FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, ESTIMATED COST DOLS 0.25 MILLION.

B. CONTINGENT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE THREE TEAMS ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL PACKAGES COULD BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA:

1) A HELICOPTER TRAINING PACKAGE FOR FY 78 OF A CONTRACTOR TRAINING TEAM WITH ELEVEN COMMERCIAL HUGHES 500 HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE STARTING IN SEP 78. THIS TO BE FOLLOWED IN FY 79 WITH 21 ANTI-TANK HELICOPTERS AND RETROFIT OF THE COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO A MILITARY CONFIGURATION TO FORM ONE OPERATIONAL CAVALRY TROOP BY THE END OF CY 79. (A MTT WOULD BE REQUIRED IN 1979 FOR TACTICAL TRAINING.) COST OF THIS OPTION IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS 3.0 MILLION IN FY 78 AND DOLS 27.0 MILLION IN FY 79.

2) CONVERSION OF ONE INFANTRY BATTALION TO AN ARMORED
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CAR (CADILLAC-GAGE) CONFIGURATION STARTING IN FY 78 AND CONTINUING THROUGH CY 79 WITH A CONTRACTOR TECHNICAL TRAINING PACKAGE. INITIAL DELIVERY BY 30 SEP 78 WOULD BE 10 ARMORED CARS TO START TECHNICAL TRAINING. FY 78 COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT DOLS 6.0 MILLION WITH FY 79 COSTS AT DOLS 16.0 MILLION.

3. KEY POINTS IN THE RATIONALE FOR THIS PACKAGE ARE:

A. REFORM OF THE LOGISTICS SYSTEM AND UPGRADE OF THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE OFFICER CORPS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY PROGRAM; INCLUDING THE CURRENT US F-5 PROGRAM.

B. FY 78 COSTS ARE HELD TO DOLS 10.0 MILLION.

C. THE 1979 DELIVERIES CAN BE TIMED TO CAUSE MINIMUM DISRUPTION OF OTHER US PROGRAMS.

D. THE PRESENCE OF US PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE KENYA ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE A SIGNAL TO SOMALIA AND REASSURE THE KENYANS WHEN THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TO SOMALIA BE-

COMES KNOWN.

4. CRUCIAL POINTS TO MAKING 1978 DELIVERIES ARE:

A. STATE AND DOD WILL HAVE TO USE EXPEDITED PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE LETTER CONTRACTS WITH THE CONTRACTORS AS SOON AS THE KENYANS SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT, WITH THE FORMAL LOA PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW. (THE LEAD TIME IS 90 DAYS FOR THE CONTRACTOR AFTER GETTING SUCH A LETTER CONTRACT.)

B. A HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION WILL BE NECESSARY TO DIRECT SOME DIVERSION IN THE CADILLAC-GAGE PRODUCTION PROGRAM.

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C. IN DETERMINING FUNDING, CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION SHOULD BE INITIATED ON AN URGENT BASIS, IF REQUIRED, TO INSURE EARLY DELIVERY OF THE FY 78 PACKAGE. END QTE

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